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DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD)

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON DR. VICTORIO OLGUIN, COORDINATOR FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN THE SECRETARIAT OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY, TO DISCUSS GOA PLANS AND VIEWS ON THE 1979
UNCSTD. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF OLGUIN'S VIEWS:

2. OLGUIN SAID THAT UP UNTIL NOW THE SECRETARIAT OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT WORKING ON THE 1979 UNCSTD AND ON THE NATIONAL
PAPER FOR ARGENTINA. HOWEVER, THE NEW MINISTRY OF
PLANNING HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING
ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LIAISON FOR ARGENTINA AND IT IS
QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IT MAY TAKE OVER THE LEADING ROLE
FOR THE 1979 UNCSTD. FOR THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, OLGUIN
SUGGESTS THAT NAY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE USG ON THIS
CONFERENCE BE TRANSMITTED TO HIM.

3. OLGUIN STATED THAT THE GOA RARELY ASKS FOR OUTSIDE
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ASSISTANCE AND DOES NOT INTEND TO DO SO FOR THE
PREPARATION OF ITS NATIONAL PAPER. HOWEVER, THE GOA
HAS EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHER COUNTRIES
PREPARE THEIR NATIONAL PAPERS.

4. OLGUIN INDICATED THAT SOME REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL
COORDINATION FOR THE UNCSTD IS ALREADY UNDER WAY.

ARGENTINA SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO AN ECLA MEETING IN MEXICO (OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 2) TO DISCUSS GENERAL LATIN AMERICA AREA VIEWS ON THE 1979 UNCSTD. FOR THAT MEETING, OLGUIN RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS BE DISCUSSED.

(A) GENERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

(B) NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS - HOW THEY ARE ORGANIZED AND FUNCTION.

(C) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY - THE IMPACT ON HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ON ENVIRONMENT.

(D) THE INSTRUMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLANS.

(E) THE DIFFICULTIES IN APPLYING THE CONCEPT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

(F) THE EFFECTS OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES - TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

5. OLGUIN ADDED THAT ARGENTINA SUPPORTS A VENEZUELAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL FOR A REGIONAL LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN CARACAS IN MAY 1978 TO DEVELOP CONCRETE UNCSTD POSITIONS FOR THE WHOLE REGION. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT ARGENTINA HOPES TO HOST A SUB-REGIONAL SOUTHERN CONE MEETING JUST PRIOR TO THE VENEZUELA REGIONAL CONFERENCE.

6. OLGUIN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION ON THE ARGENTINE POSITION ON UNCSTD SOMETIME IN DECEMBER AND WOULD TRANSMIT IT TO THE EMBASSY. AT THE SAME TIME, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT THE U.S. POSITION ON THE UNCSTD.
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